

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.68**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee		
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SUBJECT:	LIFE Scholarships - Home Schooled Students		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill amends Section 59-149-50 of the Code of Laws to allow home-schooled students to receive a LIFE scholarship provided they meet grade point average (GPA) and SAT/equivalent ACT requirements.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Enactment of this Bill would have minimum impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds. Life Scholarships are currently funded with a combination of State General Funds and Education Lottery proceeds. The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) indicates that this Bill is more restrictive than current practice where home school students may submit a rank if calculated by the district high school or the home school association of the student in lieu of the GPA or SAT requirement.

Per CHE, there were 251 students who were home schooled enrolled in either public or independent, two- or four- year institutions in Fall 2003. 34 of these 251 earned LIFE scholarships. Complete data was available on five of the 34 recipients. One of the 5 recipients would not have earned the scholarship under the requirements of this Bill. Therefore, based on this data, enactment would likely impact fewer than ten students annually.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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